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## Morro Bay State Park Closures

MORRO BAY, Calif. – Recent storm activity has prompted California State Parks to temporarily close some areas of Morro Bay State Park for public safety reasons.

The decision to close the park came after five significant tree falls and nearly 100 incidents of large limbs falling. While limited property damage has occurred to vehicles, thankfully no members of the public or personnel have suffered any injuries.

Camping reservations at Morro Bay State Park have been suspended through March 8, 2017. Campers with reservations for that period will be contact by Reserve America regarding refunds.

"We have promptly begun emergency work to remove fallen and hazardous trees and limbs, including hazardous trees in proximity to State Park buildings and facilities," said San Luis Obispo Coast District Superintendent Dan Falat. "By coordination with crews and equipment from CALFIRE and the California Conservation Corps we are more quickly and efficiently able to mitigate these public safety hazards and facilitate public access again. We will be evaluating the situation and progress here daily."

Lower State Park Road is also temporarily closed due to road damage from the storms. Lower State Park Road is also temporarily closed <u>from South Bay Blvd</u> due to road damage from the storms. <u>However, the road is now open at the north end from the City of Morro Bay to allow access to the Inn at Morro Bay, the Museum of Natural History, Marina Parking Lot, Morro Bay Golf Course and the Bayside Café.</u>

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